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NORTH CAROLINA BASED LOTTO GAMES TO DEBUT IN OCTOBER

RALEIGH- The North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL) today announced that it will launch two new computerized games in October. "Carolina Pick 3" will debut on October 6 and "Carolina Cash 5" will debut on October 27.

"We are very excited about introducing these new games because we expect them to increase sales. Increasing revenues means more money for education and that is what this commission is committed to— raising money for the education of North Carolina's students," said Dr. Charles Sanders, NCEL Commission chairman.

NCEL Executive Director Tom Shaheen added, "We have had numerous requests from players to add these games so we expect them to be a hit. Typically these type games are popular because they have lower odds than lotto-type games such as Powerball and there will be daily drawings." said Tom Shaheen, NCEL executive director.

"Carolina Pick 3" is a 3-digit numbers game where the player chooses a 3-digit number between 000 and 999. The top prize is \$500 for all players who match all three numbers in exact order.

"Carolina Cash 5" is a 5-digit numbers game where players select five numbers from the range of 1 to 39. The top prize will be at least \$50,000, but if no player matches all five numbers, the prize money will increase for the next draw. The top prize could reach as high as \$700,000 or more. If there is more than one winner, the prize will be split evenly amongst the winners.

The drawings will take place seven days a week at WRAL-TV in Raleigh at approximately 11:22 p.m. They will also be televised on other partnering television stations such as WITN and WCNC.

For more information about the NCEL, visit its Web site at www.nc-educationlottery.org or call (919) 715-6886.

Note: Fact sheet attached.

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